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In re Patent Application of: Yasuaki NOZAWA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

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PRODUCING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA FINE

POWDER

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-8, Applicant submits herewith the following for entry in the above-identified U.S. patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.